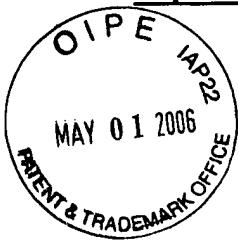


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Introductory Comments:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed November 1, 2005, the Advisory Action mailed February 1, 2006 and in conjunction with a request for a three month extension of time and the Request for Continued Examination filed concurrently herewith, Applicants respectfully submit the following response.

**Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2.**

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